

ABSTRACT

A workflow and system for print-on-demand book reproduction novelly creates and stores master book files as solution-independent common normal format files so that master book files are efficiently reproducible by heterogeneous book reproduction workflows and reproduction equipment. The common normal format files are formatted according to an accepted software standard in order to avoid inoperability or poor efficiency with respect to reproduction workflows and reproduction equipment. The workflow and systems convert the common normal format files to equipment specific files for compatibility with the reproduction means. The inventive workflow and system are applicable to all manner of book reproduction, including bound hard copies and electronic books.